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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing on Civil Service Reform Bill

1. On 10 April 1978, [] (OGC) and I met with Mike O'Neil, Bill Funk (HPSCI), John Childers, Chief Minority Counsel to the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee and Pat Norton (SSCI). The purpose of the meetings was to brief them on the Civil Service Reform bill and in particular on our problems with the bill. As it turned out, neither Messrs. O'Neil, Funk nor Norton knew anything about the bill. Once Mr. O'Neil realized that the Civil Service Reform bill had little to do with CIARDS, he lost interest in the bill. He did suggest, however, that we write directly to the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee setting forth our concerns with the bill and offering to testify! He also asked that we send him a copy of the letter and keep him informed of our activities on the bill.

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2. Pat Norton made similar suggestions and also asked to be kept informed of the status of the bill.

3. The most profitable meeting was with John Childers who was very interested in the bill and in our concerns. He said that the Agency's positions would be stronger if the Agency spoke for the whole Intelligence Community and sought exemptions that would include the other entities of the Intelligence Community. He was particularly interested in learning why CIA had much broader statutory exemptions than the other Intelligence agencies and departments. For example, he wanted to know why the CIA was exempt from the Veteran's Preference Act and NSA wasn't. He was of the opinion that if the Administration could maintain the presently high interest in the bill, that various titles of the bill would be enacted into law this session. He also said that he would be willing to feed any questions that we might want asked in a future committee hearing with the Civil Service Commissioners. He also asked to be kept informed of our activities on the bill.

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